New Courses

PHI 214 Environmental Ethics - Explores the moral obligations of human beings to nature and nonhuman animals and asks such questions as-- What are the obligations of present generations to future generations of humans? What type of moral value do mountains and streams have? What are our moral obligations to animals?

PHI 395 Philosophy of Law in a Global Perspective (Satisfies College Option: Justice Core III) - Introduces problems drawn from struggles for justice in jurisdictions around the globe and looks at how philosophers and legal theorists have tried to answer the question- what is law?

Courses that satisfy General Education Requirements

PHI 201 Philosophy of Art (Creative Expression) - Examines issues concerning the creation, interpretation and viewing of art, discusses- Can art be viewed objectively? Who is the best judge of good art? Non-western philosophies of art are included.

PHI 202 Philosophical Visions of American Pluralism (US Experience/Diversity) - Reflects the broad diversity of American thinkers in terms of its ever-changing demographics and the many philosophical questions that have inspired Americans.

PHI 210 Ethical Theory (Individual and Society) - Explores what should we do and how should we do it. The course also asks-Does character determine our actions, or are we at the mercy of situations, external cues and non-moral forces?

PHI 231 The Big Questions (Individual and Society) - Examines such questions as “How should I live?,” “What is the right thing to do?,,” “What is justice?,” and “What does it mean to know something?”

PHI 302 Philosophical Issues of Rights (College Option: Justice Core III) - Investigates the nature of rights and the justifications for rights claims as well as examines contemporary issues such as immigration, privacy, torture, concern for animals and the environment.

PHI 395 Philosophy of Law in a Global Perspective (College Option: Justice Core III) See above
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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

PHI 326 Topics in Modernity - Explores conceptual themes that characterize modernity such as individualism, natural rights, utilitarianism, the Enlightenment, and existentialism.

PHI 327 Nineteenth Century American and European Thought - Focuses on the theme of the struggle for recognition in various philosophical contexts and in its relation to ongoing social movements of the time. The writings of Hegel, Marx, Mill, Nietzsche, Mary Shelly, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Frederick Douglas, Sojourner Truth, Alexander Crummell and W.E.B. Du Bois will be considered.

PHI 330 Philosophical Modernity - Surveys Western European philosophy from Montaigne to Kant in the context of the reformation, scientific and political revolutions, the Enlightenment, colonialism and the slave trade.

PHI 354 Africana Philosophy - Introduces students to the rich and diverse field of Africana philosophy, that is, philosophy of and about Africa and its diaspora. Possible themes include racism and white supremacy and the relevance of philosophy to liberation movements.

PHI 400 Senior Seminar in Ethics - An advanced seminar in ethical theory which considers such issues as—Do moral facts exist? Are there moral intuitions? Do humans have a moral obligation to nonhuman animals? What role should religion play in ethics?

ALSO OFFERED IN FALL 2016

PHI 105 Critical Thinking
PHI 204 Logic
PHI 224 Death, Dying and Society
PHI 310 Ethics and the Law
PHI 322 Judicial and Correctional Ethics